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Customer Number 22,852  
Attorney Docket No. 04329.2736

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	)	
Fujihito NUMANO	)	Allowed: December 15, 2006
Serial No.: 10/077,933	)	Group Art Unit: 2174
Filed: February 20, 2002	)	Examiner: Thanh T. VU
For: PORTABLE INFORMATION APPARATUS	)	Confirmation No.: 7099
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**LETTER REQUESTING ACKNOWLEDGMENT  
OF INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT  
FILED UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97**

An Information Disclosure Statement was filed in this application on February 20, 2002. In reviewing our files, we find that the Examiner has failed to initial the Foreign Patent Document, Japanese Document No. 3072208, listed on the Form PTO-1449 which would serve as an indication that the document was considered by the Examiner. The Examiner appears to have crossed out the Japanese document on the basis that a translation was not provided even though the Applicant provided a statement of relevance. On September 15, 2004, Applicant also filed a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement to submit Japanese Publication (KOKAI) No. 06-334800, including an English-language Abstract, the KOKAI publication corresponding to the

document lined through by the Examiner on the February 20, 2002 Information Disclosure Statement. We have not received from your Office a copy of the Form PTO-1449 which would serve as acknowledgment of receipt of the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement and as an indication that the document was considered by the Examiner.

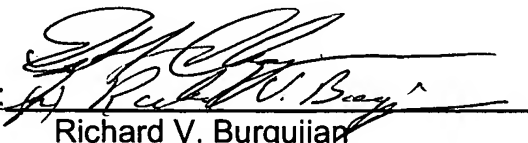
A copy of each of the Information Disclosure Statements, the Information Disclosure Citation on Forms PTO-1449, and of the postcards, that were filed with the Information Disclosure Statements and were stamped by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office to indicate receipt of the papers, along with a copy of the Japanese document and English-language Abstract, is attached.

The Examiner is respectfully requested either to send the undersigned a duplicate of both copies of the Forms PTO-1449 or issue a Supplemental Notice of Allowability (PTOL-37) which acknowledges receipt of both of the information Disclosure Statements and the Information Disclosure Citation, and indicates that the documents were considered by the Examiner.

Respectfully submitted,

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Sir:

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§1.56 and 1.97(b), applicant brings to the Examiner's attention the documents listed on attached Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are attached. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the documents listed on attached Form PTO-1449 and indicate that they were considered by making an appropriate notation on this form.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed with the above-referenced application.

The following is a concise statement of relevance of the non-English language document:

1. Japanese Patent Publication No. 3072208 - when an operation selected from a plurality of operations is designated, the information regarding the selected

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operations are displayed. If none of the operations is selected, information regarding these operations are displayed in a divided manner.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that each or all of the listed documents are material or constitute "prior art." If the Examiner applies any of the documents as prior art against any claim in the application and applicant determines that the cited documents do not constitute "prior art" under United States law, applicant reserves the right to present to the office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such documents. Applicant further reserves the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the listed documents, should one or more of the documents be applied against the claims of the present application.

If there is any fee due in connection with the filing of this Statement, please charge the fee to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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## U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initial*	Document Number	Issue Date	Name	Class	Sub Class	Filing Date If Appropriate
	6,073,187	06/06/00	JACOBS et al.			
	5,877,695	03/02/99	KUBES et al.			

## FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

Document Number	Publication Date	Country	Class	Sub Class	Translation Yes or No
3072208	05/26/00	JAPAN			NO

## OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)


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**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**  
**UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)**

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicant brings to the attention of the Examiner the document listed on the attached PTO 1449. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed in response to the Examiner not considering Japanese Patent Publication No. 06-334800, which Applicant submitted as Japanese document number 3072208, in the Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) and PTO 1449 of February 20, 2002. In the Office Action dated June 25, 2004, the Examiner returned the PTO 1449 of February 20, 2002 with the listed document crossed out, despite the fact that Applicant provided a concise statement of relevance for the listed document in the IDS of February 20, 2002.

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Accordingly, Applicant includes herewith an English translation of the abstract for the listed document. Another copy of the listed document is also attached for the Examiner's convenience. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the listed document and indicate that it was considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that the listed document is material or constitute "prior art." If the Examiner applies the document as prior art against any claim in the application and Applicant determines that the cited document does not constitute "prior art" under United States law, Applicant reserves the right to present to the Office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such document.

Applicant further reserves the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the listed document, should the documents be applied against the claims of the present application.

If there is any fee due in connection with the filing of this Statement, please charge the fee to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

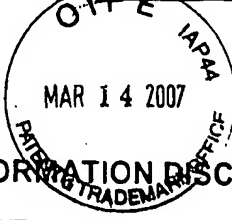
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06-334800	Dec. 2, 1994	Japan			Abstract	

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